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Photos by Army Spc. Tommi Meyer

The Missouri Army National Guard color guard salutes as the one of the new AH-64 Apache helicopters for 1-135th Aviation Battalion rolls onto the flight line April 5.

Changing of the Guard

By Army Spc. Tommi Meyer

Missouri Army National Guard Public Affairs

With a backdrop of Old Glory, the Missouri Army National Guard's 20th Aviation Brigade and 1-135th Aviation Battalion rolled into another chapter in the units' long histories.

The units changed command and the new AH-64A Apache helicopters at Whiteman Air Force Base were officially rolled out April 5.

Col. Donald McMahon, outgoing 20th Aviation Brigade commander, expressed his pride in having served with fellow soldiers before turning over the controls to Col. Larry Kay.

"These are the finest soldiers you will ever see and they are ready for the challenges ahead," he told family, friends and distinguished guests.

McMahon took command of the brigade in August 2002. He will now assume command of the 1107th Aviation Classification and Repair Activity Depot in Springfield, Mo.

Changes are a challenge that Kay said he looks forward to.

"We are only one link in a chain that has been formed during the long history of this unit, and it is up to us to keep that link strong," he said.

Kay's previous posts include operations officer for the 20th Aviation Brigade, commander of the 1267th Medical Company and commander of the 868th Medical Detachment.

He began his career as a flight medic in the 868th Medical Detachment.

Lt. Col. Gary Herchenroeder also turned over command of 1-135th to Maj. William Thomas.

It's during Herchenroeder's time as commander that the unit began its transition to the Apache, retiring from service the AH-1 Cobras.

The first of the AH-64A helicopters arrived in Missouri during the summer of 2002; the unit will receive 18 before



Army Maj. William Thomas stands in his first formation as commander of Missouri Army National Guard's 1-135th Aviation Battalion.

the transition is complete.

Thomas comes to 1-135th with a wealth of experience including company commander for Det. 1, 1107th AVCRAD, operations officer for the 1-135th AB and maintenance division officer for the 1107th AVCRAD.

He's qualified in the AH-1F Cobra and UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters and the C-23 Sherpa, fixed wing airplane.

Speakers at the ceremony included U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th District, Maj. Gen. Larry Shellito, 34th Infantry Division commander, and Brig. Gen. Dennis Shull, the adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard.

9-Line Target



Standing by

Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton

Missouri's 4th District

News in Brief

Commander holds all-call

Col. Doug Raaberg, 509th Bomb Wing commander, will hold a mandatory all-call for wing members beginning at 9:30 a.m. Thursday on the flight-line side of base operations. Members of the 442nd Fighter Wing, Missouri Army National Guard and Navy's Mobile Inshore Undersea Warfare Unit 114 are also encouraged to attend.

Clinic announces Spirit Day hours

The 509th Medical Group is open 8-11 a.m. today for urgent care for the Spirit Day. The pharmacy is closed. If there is a medical emergency, call 911.

Road closure set

Beginning Monday, Vandenberg Avenue is closed between 8th and 9th Streets for repairs. The construction is scheduled to take eight weeks to complete. Base members are advised to follow the detour signs. For more information, call Gary Hall, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, at 687-6281.

Free event set for Whiteman families

The Warrensburg Military Affairs Committee and the Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring a free event 6-10 p.m. April 25 at the Warrensburg Community Center. "This is our way of saying thank you to our military families for all they contribute on a daily basis," said Tammy Long, Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce executive director. "We're doing this because it's important to support our military families. This also gives people an opportunity to relax since everyone has been working hard."

The event is open to Team Whiteman members and their families. The free activities include swimming, basketball, volleyball, chiropractic services and other entertainment. Pizza will be served throughout the night. Free child care will also be provided for children up to 4-years-old; however, the parents must be in the building.

Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

THEY'RE COMING HOME. A new era has been established for the B-2 bomber! With our unprecedented performance over Baghdad comes a different reward — the return of our first forward-deployed expeditionary squadron.

Our combat chronicles show this was the most rapid deployment, employment and redeployment of our nation's bomber. Never before has a critical combat asset been delivered to a theatre of operations, completed the mission, returned within approximately a month and reconstituted for whatever lies ahead. That is something new for the 509th Bomb Wing. Step back and look at the bigger picture.

For the Air Force, it means that after 12 years of patrolling no-fly zones above Iraq, the U.S. Air Force played a key role in destroying Saddam Hussein's regime and liberating the Iraqi people. More than 40,000 airmen and 800 airplanes — representing every Air Force capability — were used in the fight. The B-2 completed it's mission to kick the doors down in three nights. In the 18 nights of killing targets throughout Operation Iraqi Freedom, we were part of the more than 6,300 strike sorties, or 40 percent of the coalition sorties, that were flown in the first 28 days of OIF.

GOOD NEWS. More than a hundred of

our deployed men and women have returned from our forward-operating location.

This weekend we hope to see more return on other military cargo aircraft. That's great news for the 509th BW and their families. But let's not forget, we still have more than 700 men and women deployed around the world. Let's take a look at our co-workers and neighbors, and lend a hand where it's needed.

WE'RE RETURNING TO NORMAL OPS. This week we began backing off our combat pace, easing back into our normal routines. It's a testament to the men and women of the 509th that this hasn't been a difficult transition. The daily business of the wing continued while we supported simultaneous combat operations from Whiteman and our forward-operating location.

You've done everything the combatant commander and your commanders asked of you with tremendous professionalism. We're proud of your work. On April 24, I'd like to offer my personal thank you during my commander's call at 10 a.m. on the flight line in front of base operations. See you there.

CONGRATULATIONS COREY WIELERT — AIR COMBAT COMMAND'S 2003 YOUTH OF THE YEAR.



This week Gen. Hal Hornburg, commander of ACC, announced Corey Wielert, son of Master Sgt. James and Teresa Wielert, 509th Security Forces Squadron, was his nominee to compete for Air Force Youth of the Year. We congratulate the entire Wielert family for this accomplishment and wish Corey the best as he competes at the Air Force level ... we've got a youth leader amongst us.

PREPARE FOR SUMMER MOVES AND SUMMER SAFETY. As we enter the summer months, we're faced with another challenge as we compound our deployment absences with leaves and permanent change of station moves. The same teamwork that makes us an incredible combat team is the same teamwork that will keep our organization running smoothly as we work through these short-manning scenarios.

Supervisors, I need you to take a close look within your work centers and plan out the next several months. Everyone deserves to take leave, but we have to be smart about how we do it so we don't end up canceling someone's plans due to shortsightedness.

Our safety record will be challenged ... it's incumbent upon each of us to review ourselves, our people and our approach to summer fun. We know the lakes are warming up and the boats are ready — are you? Please take a few extra moments to plan for a good time in the sun. Be safe!

ENJOY APRIL'S SPIRIT DAY! I ap-



Photo by Master Sgt. Mike Nixon

Maj. Ed Redman, 393rd Bomb Squadron, is greeted by fellow pilots after returning from a forward-deployed location in the B-2 Spirit of Pennsylvania. Capt. Eric Lapine, 509th Operations Support Squadron, flew back with Redman.

preciate your focus on the 509th BW and our combat operations, but now it's time to focus a little of that energy on you.

Enjoy the three-day weekend and spend some time with your friends and family. You've earned it!

A FINAL NOTE FOR BIKE RIDERS. A final safety note — we're losing airmen to motorcycle accidents. The rule is simple — you can't ride a motorcycle unless you've accomplished an approved motorcycle safety course. Period. See your commander or first sergeant for more details. It makes sense to be smart about your fun and protect yourselves and your loved ones. Have a great weekend — see you next week.

Fighting for freedom takes understanding

By Maj. Trish Mauldin

509th Mission Support Squadron Commander

This is a tumultuous time in our nation's and world's history. With our eyes glued to cable news and our hearts dreading that the latest skirmish or battle involved our loved ones or friends, we silently pray everything will be OK.

Our civilian counterparts may have trouble understanding the pain and turmoil that clouds our minds. Many people only protest against war and label us part of the domination plan to take over the world.

For just one day or even one hour, I'd like to sit them down and have them talk to those of us in the military ... whether we wear a uniform or not. I would tell them about the pain of the newlywed airmen, expecting their first child. The wife had to say goodbye to her husband early, because where he's deploying he needs the small pox vaccine and this poses a risk to their unborn child. Or, the wife with three young children who keeps circling dates on the calendar as to when her husband is due home ... to only have this date change, again.

I'd like for them to also see things in the black and white like our children see. Jacob, a Holden Elementary School student in Holden Mo., wrote, "Thank you for helping to protect our country and keep us safe. I hope you all come back safely."

This letter breaks my heart because it describes our mission: protecting and keeping our country safe so we can



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Civilian personnel office members, Burlinda Knight, Greg Collins and Bill Gautsch, review appraisal paperwork as Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, looks on.

see our families again and not have to worry about the scourge of nuclear and biological weapons wielded by a menacing dictator.

We're not the warmongers the press likes to make us out to be. In fact, our very mission is peace. We don't revel or reveler war, nor do we want to enslave another nation. We simply want to use our alliances for one of their primary purposes: to free an oppressed people and restore peace.

We are a super power, actually the superpower, and therefore have a responsibility to the world. Sticking our heads in the sand will only bring about our own destruction because those that breed terrorists are simply waiting for another opportunity to strike what they consider the "evil American empire." Yet, I still have trouble fathoming what for.

I've traveled the world, baked in the heat and tasted the sands of Southwest Asia. I know that the people I've met don't view us as evil. We're the ones who expelled opposing forces from their borders, and gave them aid, money and security. Why doesn't the press focus on our benevolence as a nation and the millions who support our president?

What am I asking you to do? Be a good neighbor to those who don't understand our true mission as a catalyst for peace. We fight for their freedom as much as we fight for Iraq's. In addition, we need to be a true Air Force family for those whose spouses are deployed. Whiteman, through the family support center, has dozens of programs to assist deployed families. The FSC recently installed four Eyeball Chat cameras that can let family members video-conference with their loved ones overseas.

But, don't rely on the FSC to be everything to everyone. Work with the key spouses in your unit; work with your spouse's supervisor, the first sergeant or commander. We have some incredible people who will help meet your family's need. Let us stand together, united as a family, supporting those who fight for the world's freedom from terrorism and tyranny.

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Heroes

Senior Master Sgt. Mark Clark, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, speaks to residents at the Missouri Veterans Home in Warrensburg. The April 11 ceremony titled "Honoring a New Generation of Heroes," allowed the family of resident veterans, staff and community members to express their support for military members participating in Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

ACC award winner

John Moskwa, 509th Communications Squadron, is the 2002 Air Combat Command Outstanding Civilian Communications and Information Professionalism Award winner in the outstanding civilian manager category. "The hard-working people in my squadron contributed to me receiving this award," Moskwa said. "It's not my award; it belongs to the project managers and many people in the communications squadron who work as a team to accomplish goals during these critical times. It's really their award."



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Veteran day care provider earns award

Chris Hurkmans said she was surprised to learn she was named Whiteman's Day Care Provider of the Year recently. Col. Gary Finchum, 509th Mission Support Group commander, presented the award to Hurkmans. Pictured clockwise are Finchum, Justin Beck, Justine Beaty, Hurkmans, Rhianna Stoecklin, Aaron Beck and Texas Nall. Aaron and Justin's parents are Kelley and Staff Sgt. Michael Beck, 509th Operations Group. Justine's parents are Genisha and Tech. Sgt. David Beaty, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Rhianna's parents are Nancy and Tech. Sgt. Sam Stoecklin, 509th Bomb Wing. Texas' parents are Texas and Tech. Sgt. Dannette Nall, 509th Comptroller Squadron.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Unit financial specialist

Donna Dempsey, 509th Communications Squadron, receives her unit financial specialist certificate from Jack Bryant and Robin Smith, family support center. Dempsey recently completed the new unit financial specialist program. Volunteers are trained in basic budgeting, preparing spending plans and budgeting for moves. Unit financial specialists also learn Air Force Aid Society procedures when AFAS can and can't be used. The next training sessions are 4-8 p.m. Tuesday and 2-6 p.m. April 26. To volunteer, call Smith at 687-7132.

Centennial of Flight

15th century — Leonardo da Vinci was the first person to seriously study aerodynamics, documenting his theories for flying machines. His writings were rediscovered in the 17th century and inspired the first gliders.



Sortie board



Monthly

B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal 560	380	333.2
Flown 527	697.6	157.5



Fiscal year

B-2	A-10	T-38
Goal 6,350.0	3,870.0	4,200.0
Flown 4,402.0	2,592.4	2,038.3



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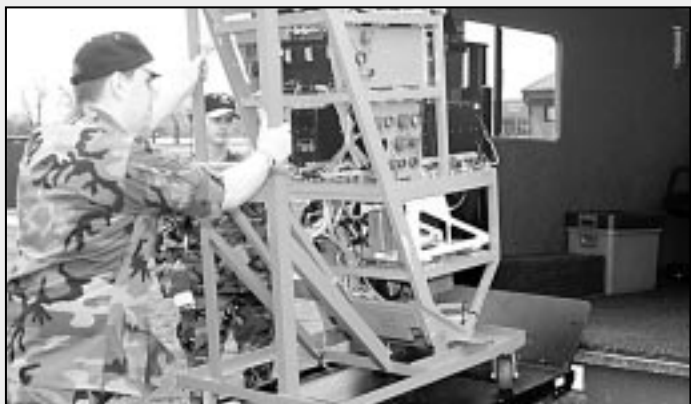


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Mission requirements drive van

Senior Airman Zach Houghton, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron (left), guides an airborne instrumentation system rack into a van as Staff Sgt. Curtis Knappenberger, 72nd TES, operates the Tommy Lift Gate mounted in the rear cargo area of the squadron's special-purpose van. The van was modified to carry sensitive electronic telemetry equipment, and serves as a mobile test laboratory during launch and recovery of the B-2. In addition to the lift gate, an air conditioning unit, generator and indoor-outdoor carpeting were installed in the van. "It's imperative that the 72nd TES collect test data from B-2 missions. This unique multi-stop van plays a key role in successfully completing that mission," said Knappenberger.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

What's cookin'?

Marilyn Roe, Mission's End head chef (front), picks a hard boiled egg as Elizabeth Lusano prepares food in the background. Mission's End hosts an Easter banquet Sunday. People will be seated at 10:30 a.m. and noon. The cost is \$12.95 members and \$14.95 nonmembers for adults, and \$8.95 members and \$10.95 nonmembers for children ages 10-16. For reservations, call 687-4422.

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1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Master Sgt. Shelia Moses, 509th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant (middle), reminds squadron members about correctly wearing the battle dress uniform off base. She talked about the importance of Air Force members adhering to the standards of neatness, safety, and military image to provide the appearance of a disciplined service member. "The BDUs are a work uniform," Moses said. "If you're representing the Air Force, wear those blues proudly."



Billy Francis, A+ Awards and Recognition in Knob Noster, takes an order from Master Sgt. Shelia Moses, 509th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant. Moses stopped into the store briefly to pick up going away gift for a squadron member. According to Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress and Appearance of Air Force Personnel, military members can wear the battle dress uniform to make short convenience stops or to eat lunch at local establishments where the people wear comparable civilian attire.



Civilian employee of the week

Linda Reiling, was nominated for this award by Pat Quinn, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. Reiling was recently selected for a new position as a budget technician within the squadron, but continued working as personnel liaison, unit security manager and government travel card monitor. "She's maintained her cheerful attitude and hasn't allowed customer service to deteriorate in either job," said Quinn. "She consistently assists anyone who needs help, not only in CE, but all over the base. She does it with a smile."

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Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Airman Donny Popham
509th Communications Squadron

Senior Airman Donny Popham, 509th Communications Squadron, received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Monday.

Airman 1st Class John Eaton, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, nominated Popham for the award.

Popham and Eaton are both members of the Airman's Council. In December, Eaton asked Popham to design and administer a survey to determine the need for a base running track.

Popham tackled the project well, Eaton said.

"Even with last minute changes, he provided the base with an exceptional survey and straightforward results for the council to use," Eaton said.

Tech. Sgt. Ronald Wilcox, Popham's supervisor, agrees with Eaton.

"He tackles each task with great confidence, learns new tasks quickly and accomplishes those tasks before I even have time to assign him others," said Wilcox. "He was born to motivate and lead by always setting the example."

"In the end, you'll find that Whiteman is blessed with an airman who sets a standard I and other airman at this base should strive to attain," Eaton said.

Personally Speaking

Duty Title: Maintenance support evaluator

Time on station: 2 years, 6 months

Time in service: 4 years

Hometown: Belleville, Ill.

Spouse: Stacy

Children: Emma, 2

Goals: To earn my bachelor's degree.

Hobbies: Spending time with my family and all outdoor activities.

Pet Peeves: Members in uniform not wearing their hat when outside.

Best thing about Whiteman: The new housing.

What motivates your winning spirit? Challenges.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? The fitness center hours. It's hard to accommodate shift workers with the current hours. I think being open 24 hours a day would be great.

Submitting a Whiteman Spirit Award

Individuals are nominated from within their units or by customers impressed with the superior customer service provided by the nominee.

If you know someone who has the Whiteman Spirit, send the nomination to the 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Office, Bldg. 509, Suite 111, or e-mail whiteman.spirit@Whiteman.af.mil.

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Submitting _____
Civilian Employee
of the Week

To nominate a civilian employee,
send an e-mail to
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Be sure to include why this person
is being nominated.



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Expeditionary engineers

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Airman 1st Class Noah Bolton, Staff Sgt. Jeremy Harmon, Master Sgt. Eric Dannenberg, Senior Airman Michael Berkey, Airman 1st Class Stephen Burnett, Senior Airman Brian Perkins and Tech. Sgt. Greg Tesch, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron members, take a break to pose for a photo in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration shop. They are deployed with the 320th Expeditionary CES in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Courtesy photo

Friend or foe?

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM — Senior Airman Anthony Clayton and Airman 1st Class James Richey, 509th Security Forces Squadron members, guard the main entry control point at a deployed location. They are deployed with the 384th Expeditionary SFS. Nearly 1,000 509ers are deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Whiteman Spirit wants to feature you.

Do you, or does someone you know, have a story idea you'd like to see in the paper? Let our staff know about it.

For more information, call 687-6133 or e-mail whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil.

Letter of support

(Editor's Note: The 509th Bomb Wing has received numerous letters of support for our role in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Here is a small sampling of those letters of gratitude.)

Dear Colonel Raaberg,

"I would wish to convey my thanks to you and your personnel for their efforts during Operation Iraqi Freedom. I realize there is much to do in Iraq that will not be accomplished overnight, but I and many other people in the United Kingdom are very thankful that you, your colleagues and compatriots have entered a conflict, together with our own U.K. military personnel, the outcome of which may at times have seemed tenuous.

"I am in no doubt that the United Kingdom is the second fiddle to the United States in all of this but we have worked together and, I hope, will continue to work together to try to make our world a place where we can all live alongside each other without the need to resort to arms.

"I and 250,000 other people were able last year at the Royal International Air Tattoo 2002 to salute a B-2 and, from afar, the people at Whiteman AFB. I hope that we will be able to do so again this year and, in that act, cement further the close friendship which exists between our countries.

"Please convey my best wishes to all your staff."

Neil Pearson
Oxford, England



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Veterans still giving

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mary Grady and Marion Foreman of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, wave to passers-by in front of the VFW's national headquarters here April 10. The VFW held a school supplies drive for the 1,300 Air Force families who were evacuated from Incirlik Air Base, Turkey, before the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Of those families, 11 came to Whiteman. They didn't have time to pack their personal items, said John Senk, the VFW adjutant general. This is one reason the organization collected the supplies. The VFW also provides free phone cards to deployed members and their families, and emergency relief funds to those who need it. The supplies will be sent to stateside Air Force family support centers and then distributed to the families.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Cookies!

Members of Sedalia Girl Scout Troop 208 gave 70 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Whiteman to distribute to military members. The troop voted to donate cookies to military members as a service project. Pictured are troop leaders (far left) Heather Daniel and (far right) Jake Rigdon. The Whiteman representatives who received the cookies are (back row) Jack Bryant, family support center, Master Sgt, Lawrence Rigdon, 325th Bomb Squadron, Tech Sgt. Donnie Howard, Detachment 6, 372nd Training Squadron, and Master Sgt. Mark Revel, 509th Mission Support Squadron.



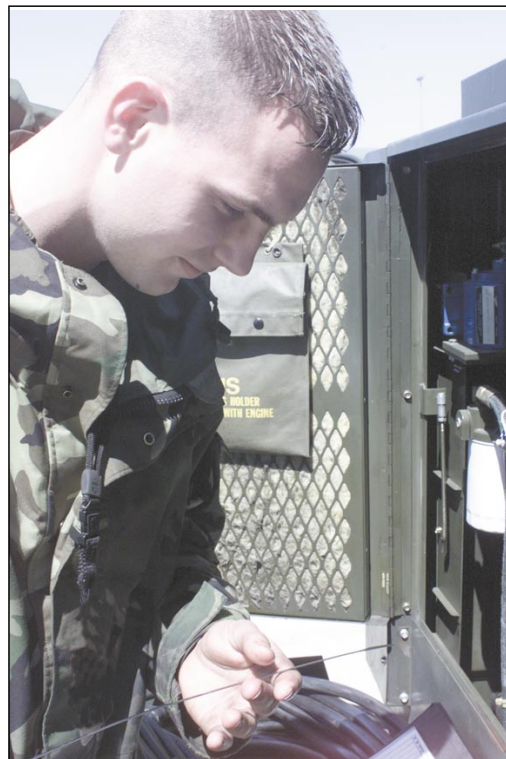
Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Get your pet to the vet

Cindy DeOrnellas, veterinary clinic clerk, hands rabies tags to Kari Boleak, wife of Senior Airman Robert Boleak, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. The veterinary clinic offers pet vaccinations 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday. Pet owners living on base must have their pets registered and vaccinated. For more details, call 687-2667.

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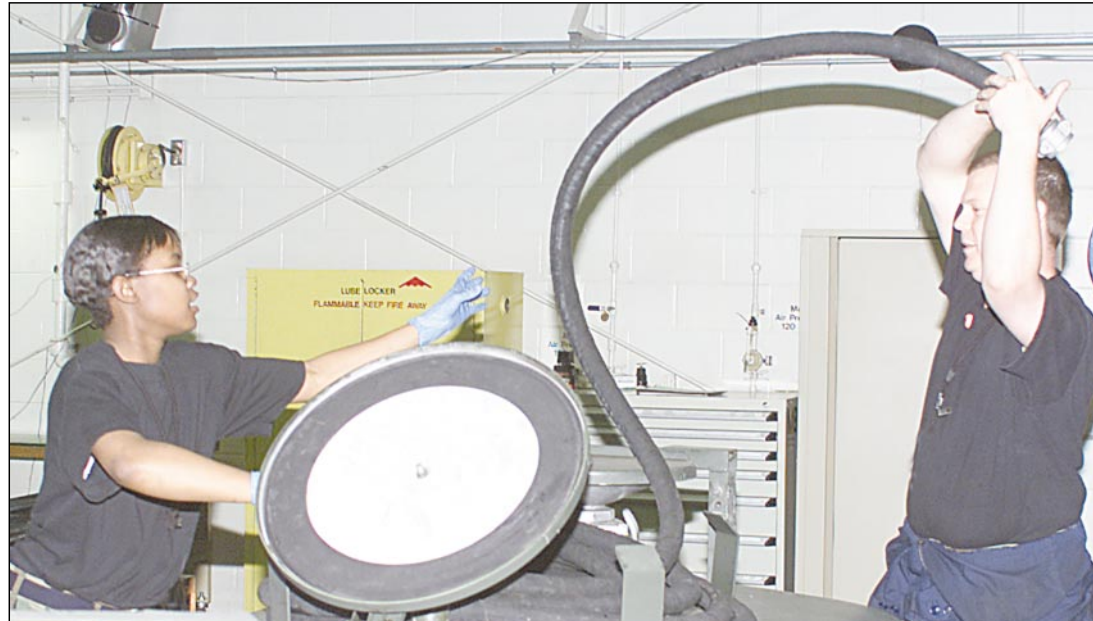
Aerospace Ground Equipment Flight: rolling support getting jets off the ground



Senior Airman Andrew Rood, 509th Maintenance Squadron, checks the oil level of a generator on the flight line. The aerospace ground equipment flight has "pool" equipment that stays near the aircraft to allow quicker delivery in time sensitive situations. The AGE dispatch journeyman ensures the equipment is always ready for service.



Airman 1st Class Lacey Hill, 509th Maintenance Squadron, fixes a B-2 stand. The stand gives maintainers a stable platform to work on when performing low-observable or any other kind of maintenance on the B-2 or other aircraft. Hill is an aerospace ground equipment inspection and repair apprentice.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Airman 1st Class Maisha Pearson and Tech Sgt. Wesley Burnham, 509th Maintenance Squadron, coil a hose on a fuel bowser. The tank is used for storing drained fuel, oil and hydraulic fluid until disposed of.



Senior Airman Antwain Mallory, 509th Maintenance Squadron, uses a 50-ton fuselage jack to test an aircraft stand.



Staff Sgt. Brett Frank, 509th Maintenance Squadron, performs an operations check on the portable control unit of a MHU/204 munitions handling trailer. Frank is an aerospace ground equipment munitions inspection and repair journeyman.



Staff Sgt. Nelson Robison and Tech. Sgt. Jerry Bailey, 509th Maintenance Squadron, wipe off tools after taping a hole to install new shim packs on a MHU/204 munitions trailer that will support the weight of a B-2 launcher laden with bombs. The squadron's munitions shop members are responsible for the vehicles used to load bombs on the B-2.



Staff Sgt. Chad Corcoran and Staff Sgt. Timothy Coenen, 509th Maintenance Squadron, remove a wheel on a MHU/204 munitions handling trailer. Every piece of rolling aircraft support equipment is owned, maintained and repaired by the squadron's aerospace ground equipment flight.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Pre-Toddler team

Lisa Williamson entertains her twins Abraham and Abigail. Williamson and her husband, 2nd Lt. Derek Williamson, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, are inviting new and expectant parents, at 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays to the community center to socialize and discuss various pre-toddler issues. The topics may include, but are not limited to, sleeping, teething, nursing and infant health. For more details, call 660-422-8367.

Don't miss out on Tricare benefits

Parents of newborns or adopted children must register them in the Defense Eligibility Reporting System no later than 120 days after the event to receive Tricare Prime benefits. To do this, the sponsor must take a copy of the child's birth certificate or adoption papers to the military personnel flight customer service section. After enrolling in DEERS, parents can get a Tricare enrollment forms at the 509th Medical Group Tricare Service Center or at <http://www.triwest.com>. To get one by mail, call 888-TRIWEST (874-9378).



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Education

For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Commissioning briefing scheduled

A commissioning briefing begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the education center in Room 112. This briefing is open to enlisted members seeking commission. Call the education center at 687-5750 for more information.

Community

BX hosts Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. Sunday at the base exchange for children 7 and younger. There will also be an Easter basket raffle and the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures. Please bring your own camera.

New parents club started

The Parents of Pre-toddlers Group meets 1-2:30 p.m. Mondays at the community center. Parents will discuss sleeping, teething, early medical issues and more. Call Lisa Williamson at 660-422-8367 for more details.

Coping with war children's forum set

A forum to help children express and cope with their concerns about deployment begins at 6 p.m. Thursday at the community center. The program, sponsored by the family support center, family advocacy office and youth center, is for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Call the FSC at 687-6132 to make a reservation.

FTAC seeks team leader

The First-Term Airmen Center needs a senior airman or

staff sergeant to volunteer for a 90- to 120-day tour as a team leader beginning April 28. A team leader supervises 150 or more new airmen. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Rex Fleming at 687-6391.

Kindergarten enrollment available

Kindergarten registration for the 2003-2004 school year for Whiteman Elementary School students takes place by appointment only April 29 and 30. To be eligible to register, a child must be 5-years-old before Aug. 1. The child's birth certificate, immunization records and social security number must be provided. Bring only the child enrolling in kindergarten. Each child will receive a skill-level screening. To make an appointment, call the school at 563-3028.

MOAA sponsors seminar

The Military Officers Association of America sponsors a free Marketing Yourself for a Second Career 9-11:30 a.m. April 30 at the community center. The lecture is geared toward officers and senior NCOs who plan to leave the service in the next one to five years, but it's open to everyone. Retired Army Col. Dick Crampton is the briefer. To make a reservation, call Diane Munley or Bob Berger at 687-7132.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

Safety training available for youth

Youth 12 and older can learn basic safety, nutrition, first aid, and infant and child CPR beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. Reservations are required.

Teen employment seminar set

A class to help teens effectively complete a job application begins at 6 p.m. Tuesday. Reservations are required.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Lacdan

Help yourself

Airman 1st Class Courtney Lewis, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, returns a power tool he rented from the self-help store. Base housing residents can pick up a \$20 voucher to buy flowers at the base exchange, Debackers or Elite landscaping. The self-help store is open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays. For more details, call the store at 687-4173.

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Awarding academics

Base exchange manager Kim Lafferty, posts a "You Made the Grade," sign in the BX. The program is designed to recognize and reward sixth- through 12th-grade students for their academic achievements. Students wishing to participate in the "You Made the Grade" program should bring their B-average, or better, report cards to the BX to receive a coupon book with savings of more than \$50 on items such as footwear, fragrances and fast food. Entry forms for U.S. Savings Bond drawings are also included in the coupon package. Winners of the \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 bonds are selected by a random drawing held quarterly. The BX also offers free movie passes to kindergarten through fifth-grade students with a B-average or higher.



Courtesy photo

Egg huntin'

Abigail Stiner, 2, finds a plastic egg Saturday. Missouri Gov. Bob Holden and his family sponsored an Easter egg hunt at the governor's mansion in Jefferson City, Mo. More than 100 people from Whiteman participated in the free egg hunt for families of deployed and remote military members. Abigail's mother is Maj. Trish Mauldin, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Soccer season under way

Intramural soccer for the 2003 spring season began April 7. Matthew Lewin, 509th Maintenance Squadron, unleashes a free kick during a contest against the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron. The CE team was notified before the game that its team was withdrawn and its players would have to enter the player's pool to join other squads. However, the squad decided to play the contest anyway, but lost 3-0.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

Set it up

Kristin Lambert, wife of Maj. Andy Lambert, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, sets the ball during her team's matchup with the Chiefs, a team comprised of chief master sergeants. Kristin is a member of the 509th CES extramural volleyball team. CES fell to the Chiefs 2-1.

Sports Shorts

Softball players needed

Sign ups for the base intramural softball league are available. Those interested can sign up at the fitness center or contact Senior Airman Cynthia McMillan at 687-5496. Letters of intent to play softball are due Wednesday. A softball coaches meeting begins at 1 p.m. April 25 in the community center.

Free Royals game for active duty

The Kansas City Royals hosts an Armed Forces Appreciation Day beginning at 1:05 p.m. Saturday. Active-duty military members can show an I.D. card at a special military ticket window set up at Kauffman Stadium before the game to receive a free ticket.

CMSU baseball games free to military

The Central Missouri State University baseball team offers free tickets to military members and their families for its home doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m. April 26. The team faces Washburn University of Topeka, Kan. For more details, call Bob Johnson at 660-543-8194.

May Day fun run scheduled

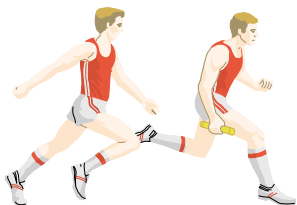
The May Day fun run begins at noon May 1. The run is open to active-duty, Guard Reserve and dependents. Those interested can sign up at the fitness center or can register the day of the run. For more details, call Senior Airman Joe Angeles at 687-5476.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joe Laddan

What taxes?

To help ease the tension of the tax season, 18 runners participated in the fitness center's 1040 Tax Day Fun Run Tuesday. Each runner that took part in the three mile run received a T-shirt. Martha Ledet of Knob Noster was the top female finisher at 24 minutes, 50 seconds; Jim Ledet, 509th Maintenance Group was the top male and overall finisher at 22:34; Cory Lasseigne, 509th Security Forces Squadron, took second and finished at 22:40; and Chad Atchley, 509th SFS, took third.





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Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Equipment Rental

- ✓ Rent a front or rear tire tiller, power slice or power plug for \$20 a day or \$30 a weekend.
- ✓ Rent a 14-foot V/Hull or Jon boat with a 9.9 engine & trailer for \$12.50 a day
- ✓ Rent a 16-foot car hauler for \$25 a day, \$40 for two days or \$50 for three days.

Frisbee golf

Help design the nine-hole golf course around the base lake, then play frisbee golf with family and friends 9 a.m.-noon Saturday. This is a free event.

Intramural fishing tournament

Bass fishermen can sign up for the intramural bass fishing tournament Thursday. Check-in time is 12:15-12:50 p.m. Fishing begins at 1 p.m. at Long Shoals Marina in Warsaw, Mo. The cost is a \$20 one-time fee. For a copy of the rules and to register, visit or call outdoor recreation.

Katy Trail bike ride

Ride the Katy Trail from Hartsburg, Mo., to Mokane, Mo., 8 a.m.-5 p.m. April 26. The cost is \$7 and a free bike rental will be provided if needed.

Mission's End 687-4422

Super Mongolian Barbecue

Family and friends can enjoy a super Mongolian barbecue 5:30-8 p.m. today. Cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for nonmembers.

Easter Brunch Sunday Seating at 10:30 a.m. and noon

Adults
\$12.95 members and \$14.95 nonmembers
Children ages 10-16
\$8.95 members and \$10.95 nonmembers
Children ages 9 and younger
Free for members and \$2 nonmembers
Menu includes: Carved roast beef, fruit, salad, dessert, drinks, breakfast, lunch and dinner entrees.
Call 687-4422 for reservations.

Administrative Professional's Day

Treat administrative assistants to a mini Mongolian barbecue and desserts 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday. Cost is \$5.50 for members and \$7.25 for nonmembers.

Auto Skills 687-5689

ASE-certified mechanic

The auto skills center has automotive service excellence certified mechanic Jay Shirley available to perform scheduled maintenance and repairs on rotors, engines, suspension, steering, brakes and heating and air conditioning. The cost is \$40 an hour for labor. Call Shirley at 660-238-2615 for appointments.

Ozark Inn 687-5476

Family night

Families of deployed members can dine 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays. A surcharge will be applied to staff sergeants and above, and prices vary. Special children's meals are available. A movie will be played on the big-screen TV. Bring a copy of your deployed spouse's orders on the first visit.

Skills Development Center 687-5691

Framing class

Students can learn how to cut glass and join a frame 6-9 p.m. Tuesday. The cost is \$40 and includes supplies.

Silver pendant class

Create a silver pendant using precious metal clay 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday. The cost is \$18 and includes supplies.

Scrapbooking class

Students can learn the art of scrapbooking to preserve photos 1-3 p.m. Wednesday. The cost is \$10 plus supplies. Bring four to six pictures.

Furniture for sale

Order ready-to-assemble-and-finish hardwood furniture through the skills development center. Catalogs, brochures and prices are available at the center.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Bowler's Appreciation Night

Tonight's games are only 75 cents!
Rental shoes are \$1
Buy a large pizza and get a medium at half price.

Families of deployed military members

Games are half price for spouses and free for their children 5-9 p.m. Mondays. The cost is \$1 each for games and shoe rental. Bring a copy of deployed spouse's orders for each visit.

Pizza special

Enjoy all-you-can-eat pizza, salad and dessert 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays at Stars & Strikes. The cost is \$5 and includes drink.

Breakfast

Stars & Strikes is open for breakfast 7:30-9:30 a.m. weekdays. Deposit your breakfast receipt for a weekly drawing for a free breakfast.

Youth Center 687-5586

Torch club meeting

Fifth through seventh graders can help fill plastic eggs for the Easter egg hunt and learn more about the leadership club 5-6 p.m. Saturday.

Month of the military child bowling event

Kindergartners through seventh graders can bowl 6-10 p.m. April 26 at Stars & Strikes. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for nonmembers. That fee includes four games and rental shoes. Play bingo to win prizes. Door prizes will be given away. Sign up by Thursday. Bring money for food.

Baseball event

Youth ages 7 through 14 can showcase pitching, hitting and running abilities at 11 a.m. May 3 at the Pepsi Pitch, Hit and Run event at the youth baseball fields. Prizes will be awarded for age group champions and national finalists receive a trip to Chicago for the 2003 All-Star week. Registration takes place Monday-May 2. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Teen Center 687-5819

On-the-job hunt

Teens can meet 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the family support center for a seminar on completing a job application correctly. For more details, call 687-7312.

Flicks and bowling mix lock-in

Teens meet 10:30 p.m. April 25-6 a.m. April 26 at Stars & Strikes for a lock-in. Enjoy bowling and a midnight movie at the base theatre. The cost is \$10 for members and \$12 for nonmembers. Bring money for drinks.



Congratulations!

Senior Airman Joe Angeles, 509th Services Squadron, and Darlene Goebel, owner of Balance Your Life Massage and Skin Care, congratulate holiday rebound challenge winner Katherine Perce, spouse of Maj. Clayton Perce, 509th Communications Squadron. Katherine Perce won a one-hour full-body massage from Darlene Goebel. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Varsity softball tryouts

Varsity softball tryouts take place April 28-May 9. Anyone wanting to try out must sign up at the fitness center.

Community Center 687-5617

Don't leave home without it!

To use the skate park, skaters must receive certification at the community center. Youth ages 5-17 must be accompanied by a parent to receive certification. The cost is \$5.

Salsa dancing

Learn salsa dancing free 7-8 p.m. Fridays. No partner needed.

Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Just Girls Weekend

Enjoy a "Just Girls Weekend" in Hannibal, Mo., April 25-27. Events include: a riverboat dinner and jazz cruise, a Mark Twain museum tour, pampering from head to toe and more. Most of the events are free. Special rates for lodging are available through Tickets & Travel.

Family Child Care 687-5590/1180

Provider appreciation Social

Team Whiteman is invited to a free appreciation social at 7 p.m. May 9 at the community center to honor family child-care providers.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday		
Old School	R	7 p.m.
Starring -- Luke Wilson & Will Ferrell Mitch, Frank and Beanie try to relive their old college glory days by moving into a large house near their old campus. They inadvertently form an "unofficial fraternity," where students can enjoy the partying lifestyle without having to abide by the university's fraternity rules.		
Daredevil	PG-13	7 p.m.
Starring -- Ben Affleck & Michael Clarke Duncan Matt Murdock is driven to fight crime, despite an accident that robbed him of his sight.		
Saturday		
The Hunted	R	5:30 p.m.
Starring -- Tommy Lee Jones & Benicio del Toro An FBI deep-woods tracker captures an assassin who makes a sport of killing deer hunters. The FBI must team up with another agent when the killer escapes.		
Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50 Movie recording line 687-5110 Movies are subject to change due to availability.		